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TRANSLATION

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(Nikolay DUDKO)

Conversation with Professor M. O. DUDKO, surgeon from Kiev, in Warsaw

Professor M. O. ~~X~~DUDKO was in Warsaw in late November 1958. On 26 November 1958 he presented a talk to the Polish medical association on, The Medical Treatment of Heart Ailments.

The 7 December 1958 no. 49 issue of NASHE SLOVO, on page 2, carried a reporter's interview with the professor, article signed Tymosh KERENKO, literary pseudonym of our acquaintance "O".

"O" writes that during a private conversation DUDKO told him that his wife is a sister to Oleksander ~~X~~DOVZHENKO, Ukrainian film director of world renown. DUDKO stated that DOVZHENKO's authority is growing in the Ukraine and he is being compared with SHEVCHENKO and (I.) ~~X~~FRANKO and there are plans underway to erect a memorial to him in Kiev. When "O" expressed his regret that the Ukrainian language was not being used by the intelligentsia in the Ukraine, DUDKO stated, "Don't think that the Ukrainian situation is so tragic. Although much is not as it should be, we have wide circles of intelligentsia who, although they often speak in Russian, ~~have~~ within them ~~X~~ Ukrainian hearts and they never forget that they are sons of the Ukraine."

During the conversation, DUDKO mentioned the Ukrainian medical men's contributions in the research of heart diseases and surgery. Also during a public address before a group of Polish medical men, DUDKO stated that a human heart wound was successfully first repaired in 1903 by a Ukrainian, Mykola SHAKHOVSKY. The names of the Ukrainian doctors S. S. BRIUKHONENKO and M. M. TEREbinsky are prominently recorded in annals of heart surgery.

Professor DUDKO presently is engaged in the research of heart surgery.

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